

CHRIST CHURCH.

At a meeting of the Church Committee, held in the Vestry, on the 17th of June, 1874, in reference to recent agitations in the Christ Church Congregation, it was unanimously resolved as follows:—

1. The Church Committee declares itself altogether Protestant, and opposed to ritualism, both as respects its doctrines and practices; and believes that in this declaration it represents a large majority of the Congregation.

2. They regret that the Archdeacon's sermon on ritualism at the Consecration of the Church, which caused so much offence and distress to the Minister and Congregation, has met with no disapproval from the Bishop, who, on the other hand, has severely, and this Committee believes unjustly, condemned their Minister for his protest against the same.

3. They regret moreover to learn that the Bishop is of opinion that that sermon did not exceed the liberty allowed in the Church of England, and was such that no formal notice could be taken of it; and still more to be compelled to come to the conclusion that the Bishop claims liberty for the Clergy to preach in the Christ Church pulpit, doctrines subversive of those which we are accustomed to hear and which we believe to be sound. They are convinced that a large majority of the Congregation are entirely opposed to such license.

4. They regret moreover that the Bishop should have proceeded to direct an election of delegates to Synod from the Christ Church Congregation without the consent of the Minister and Congregation.

5. They regret also that the proclamation issued by the Bishop was couched in such terms as apparently to give the Church Wardens power to act without the Minister and the Congregation in holding such election; and that the action of the late Church Wardens thereupon has caused much disquietude and division in the Congregation.

6. On the part of the Congregation, the Dean, Church Wardens, and Church Committee, repudiate the claims of certain so-called Delegates to represent the Congregation in the proposed convention; and deny the validity of their election, and of all acts of the Synod in which they may take a part, as having no binding force on the Christ Church Congregation.

7. And, finally, they declare their opinion that the troubles of the Congregation during the past year and more, are attributable solely to these two causes; first the attempt to introduce disputable doctrines and practices into the Congregation; and secondly the attempt to force the Congregation into a Synod without, and contrary to, their wish.

VICTORIA, B. C., JUNE, 1874.